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ANNUAL SUMMARY OF GAME LAWS
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Abuse of hunting privileges is not the sole cause of the decrease of game in this country, but this fact should not lead sportsmen to underestimate the importance of hunting regulations.

So says the U. S. Biological Survey in introducing its thirty-sixth annual summary of Federal, State, and Provincial game laws, Farmers' Bulletin (No. 1755) by H. P. Sheldon and Frank G. Grimes, chief and administrative assistant of the Bureau's Division of Public Relations.

Game laws, say the authors, have been with the sportsman so long that they may have a familiarity breeding a neglect of their value. Because it has been necessary to call special attention to game losses resulting from settlement and from natural causes, the writers fear that there is danger that hunters may underestimate the importance of restrictions on hunting.

"Although there are certainly heavy losses to game through natural causes, the loss due to hunting", says the publication, "may have the effect of the proverbial last straw, and it is at the same time the loss over which man can have the most definite control. The restoration of habitat is necessary to a future game supply, but an adequate breeding stock is indispensable. Destruction of the breeding stock of today cannot be offset by restoration of nesting areas for the future. With these thoughts in mind, the sportsman will be likely to give proper recognition to game laws."

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Discussing wildfowling restrictions, the authors declare that the plight of the waterfowl has become so desperate as to demand the drastic remedial measures being applied this season. Each year, they point out, has seen an increase in the number of gunners, and a progressive decrease in the acreage of wildfowl haunts. The new regulations may be the means of saving thousands of birds for next year's breeding stock, and the authors suggest that the elimination of baiting, live decoys, and sinkboxes may also develop or revive a "type of wildfowler that was fast becoming as rare as some of the wildfowl species."

Bulletin in Ready Reference Form

Prepared for the information of hunters, farmers, and others interested in wildlife and for the use of Federal and State enforcement officials, the new publication constitutes a convenient synopsis of the laws in ready-reference form. It also reviews the Federal, State, and Provincial game legislation for the year and lists Federal enforcement officers throughout the country and the State officials from whom copies of game laws may be obtained.

"Game Laws for the Season 1935-36: A Summary of Federal, State and Provincial Statutes" has been issued as Farmers' Bulletin No. 1755. Copies may be obtained from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Title Page Shows Duck-Stamp Design

The new game-law bulletin has a title-page illustration adopted from the drawing made by Frank W. Benson for use in designing the Federal migratory-bird hunting stamp for this season. These stamps, required of all water-fowl hunters over 16, may be purchased at post offices at \$1 each, the proceeds going to finance the establishment of refuges.